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 1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);

 2. Copy of the European Search Report from European Patent
 Application Number EP 01308722;

 3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);

 4. References as Cited (5);
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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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It and their legal representation on publication. Applicant and their legal representatives hereby make of record on the attached PTO Form-1449 the following publications, which are known to them and considered warranting disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Copies of each of these publications are enclosed.

Applicant states under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the publications were cited in an European Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart European Patent Application No.EP 01308722 not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's review.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and is therefore submitted as both timely and proper; therefore, no fees are believed to be due.

The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. <u>08-0219</u>.

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